

# The Elba Clipper

VOLUME 100, NUMBER 36

50 CENTS

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1997

1 SECTION, 14 PAGES PLUS 1 ADVERT

STATUS REPORT GIVEN ON VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS

## Elba City Council amends operating budget

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to amend the 1996-97 operating budget upwards by a total of \$175,150. The largest increases are in the police department and the recreation department. There were also adjustments made in the proposed Capital Improvements Fund (vehicles, buildings, etc.).

Mayor James Grimes explained to council members that he and the bookkeeper had spent several days reviewing the finances and felt this was for the good of the city and the community.

The mayor noted there was no money, even in this amended budget, allocated to putting a new roof on the police station. He reported efforts have twice been made to stop a leak, and if it continues to leak, only a new roof will solve the problem.

The council was unanimous in approving the changes.

Grimes also reviewed the annual audit for the past year. He noted the numbers indicate the city is in a good financial posture, but that doesn't mean there is a lot of money. He continued by explaining there is enough money to run the government and replace some worn out equipment but he doesn't see enough money for a major street resurfacing project this year.

The mayor noted that the ending balance in the general fund was up by \$246,248 from the previous year's ending balance and the Water

and Electric cash balance was also up. However, Grimes pointed out there was \$464,000 in "one time money" such as from the sale of the school buildings last year. He said, "We must live on our income and not rely on these monies every year."

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members that Elba police cars traveled a total of 14,458 miles during the month of January. During this time period officers spent 1,028 hours on routine patrol and 244 hours checking doors, doing security checks, etc.

The department made 57 hazard arrests, 13 non-hazard arrests, issued 87 warning tickets and filed 57 offense reports. They also investigated 20 automobile accidents during this time period.

Monthly bills totaling \$16,375.19 were approved for payment. Prior to approving the bills, Council member Ben Carpenter questioned the paying for vehicle repair when the city had its own repair shop. The two bills he questioned were explained by the city clerk and city mechanic. One was for the part only, which was then installed by city crews. The other

was a drug task force vehicle and the expense was only being funneled through the city and was done like the task force required.

Council members were presented a written status report, by City Clerk Donnie Morrow, on the leases on the remaining old school property.

Also given to the council was a status report on various city projects. Of the eight ongoing projects in the report, three are bid openings scheduled later this month; engineering is progressing on the paving of the new access street at the schools; highway work is underway for the Dorsey

turn lane and plans are at the state office on the Larkin Road turn lane; sewer taps related to the latest sewer project are 98% complete on Teresa Street... 90% complete on Gibson... 10% complete on Cedar Lane and Reese Avenue is scheduled for this week.

Morrow also noted that 38 in-town businesses have not purchased their 1997 business license and now face a 15% penalty. He said there are

also individuals who operate from their homes, but should have a license. These include furniture makers, make-up company agents, etc. He indicated they will be contacted individually, if they don't volunteer to purchase a business license.

Grimes announced that the city was cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce in a community wide clean-up day on Saturday, March 1st.

Councilman John Sharpless asked the city clerk to look into setting up some disposal sites for used oil. He noted that many automobile owners change their own oil and recycle barrels need to be available.

The mayor told council members that engineers on the multi-million sewer upgrade project have been told by government officials that only \$461,000 will be available from grant sources, instead of the \$800,000 which had been projected. He said they would continue to meet with the engineers and representatives of the federal lending agency to improve this figure.

FUNDS DONATED TOWARD FAMILY SERVICES CENTER FOR COUNTY

## Commission reviewing budget adjustment request

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

Monday's regular bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission lasted forty-five minutes; however a work session was planned for the afternoon.

Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley opened the business session by commenting that the new carpet had been installed in the Elba Courthouse.

"The contractor did a good job and its looks real nice and should last a long time," said Grimsley.

Coffee County Emergency Management Agency Director Charlie Webb appeared before the commission requesting a budget increase. He asked that his department's budget be increased by \$13,590.00.

Webb explained that the increase involved no new monies but simply was allowing for monies received since the first of the year, by the county via of grants and cost shares to be placed in his department's budget.

"These funds will be used to cover the costs of the communications equipment that has been purchased," Webb stated.

There seemed to be some question as to why some of the monies received (\$1,57,000) were placed in the gasoline fund in lieu of being placed in the EMA's budget.

After some discussion, Commission Chairman Grimsley suggested that the matter be studied and that an adjustment will be made after reviewing the findings. He made it in the form of a motion which was passed by a unanimous vote of the commission.

Moving on to other business, Grimsley made a motion that Probate Judge William Gammill's re-

quest for additional help (one person) be approved.

In the last meeting of the commission, Judge Gammill had asked for an additional clerk in the Enterprise office. He had noted that in recent years, the workload in that office had increased greatly.

The commissioners approved Gammill's request for help.

The potential establishment of a Family Services Center for the county received a boost during Monday's meeting.

Barbara Everett, wife of Congressman Terry Everett, was on hand

to receive a \$1,000.00 donation from Alabama Power Company representative John McLean. Mrs. Everett turned presented the check to the Coffee County Commission.

The money, plus other funds received, will be used in exploring the possibility of establishing a Family Services Center in Coffee County.

Mrs. Everett explained, "The purpose of the center will be to coordinate existing services in the county in reaching out to every family in need in the county. The goal will be to help them become self-sufficient and independent."

Mrs. Everett is currently serving as chairperson of the committee developing plans for the center.

She stressed the fact that this is not a new program; however, it is a new concept.

The purpose of the center will be to complement the already existing agencies which provide assistance to needy families and to provide a network of these services. The center will help reduce or eliminate the duplication of services being provided.

Please See CCC, Page 10

## County schools experiencing growth

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County School System is experiencing growing pains. In last Thursday's meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education members reviewed and approved plans to increase space in each of the several schools for expansion had risen in each of the schools.

Superintendent of Schools Roger Bowden stated that due to the increased enrollment in the system several needs for expansion had risen in each of the schools.

The immediate projects will be funded with the \$300,000 received from the Public School and College Authority.

Bowden stated that lunchrooms at both Zion Chapel High School and New Brockton Elementary School will be enlarged.

He also stated that two permanent classrooms, one at Kinston High and the other at New Brockton High, will be constructed.

Presently, plans are being drawn up by the architectural firm of Barnes and Ritchie of Dothan, which is expected to be approved by the local board and the state.

Tentative plans (blueprints) were presented to the board at Thursday's meeting for teachers' quarters review. The estimated cost (total) of the proposed additions is in the neighborhood of \$250,000.00.

Bowden stated that the present schedule for the project is for the renovations and construction to begin at the end of the present school year. The projects should be completed before the beginning of the 1997-98 term.

In other matters of business, the board adjourned.

Please See GROW, Page 10

## Local Red Cross Chapter recruiting disaster volunteers

The Coffee County American Red Cross is recruiting disaster volunteers for the first 72 hours of a disaster.

When a disaster strikes, it is critical to have trained available volunteers ready to respond to provide immediate assistance.

Elba and the surrounding areas have had their share of disasters in recent years. Local, county, and state officials can only do so much.

The American Red Cross has an immediate need for volunteers to work in shelters and to do damage assessment.

Shelters are set up to provide a safe place before, during and after a disaster. Outside assistance may not be readily available.

Damage assessment involves locating areas and number of homes affected by the disaster, and the amount of assistance required. The faster this information is collected, the faster help is requested and provided.

The better the predisaster plan and training, the more effective the response. The city, county, schools, churches, and government agencies all work together in time of need, but there is a need for additional help.

There will be an organizational meeting held in Elba for disaster volunteers on Monday, February 17, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

Representatives from each com-

munity, agency, church, and organization in the area are urged to attend this important meeting.

For questions and/or additional information, call the local Red Cross Office at 347-3451. Bert Blumenfeld is the disaster chairperson.

### NEWS BRIEF

Another Community Spirit Day is planned for Saturday, March 1, 1997, in the city of Elba. Kick-off for the event will begin with the Lion's Club Breakfast at the Senior Citizens Center at 6:30 a.m. A number of projects are being scheduled for the day. The new "Welcome to Elba" signs with landscaping will be installed; another work-day for restoration of the old county jail; a general clean-up around town will be done. Several special activities are being planned by local businesses and community groups. The Chamber of Commerce is asking anyone who knows of a particular need for clean-up, destruction of old buildings, and general "sprucing up" to contact their city councilman or call the Chamber office at 897-3125.

**BARGAIN of the Month**

**4.99** Sunbeam 2-Piece Thermometer Set has one large 12" outdoor and one tube thermometer. W 376 555 E

**BARGAIN of the Month**

**8.99** THERMOS Stainless steel outer shell. Easy clean liner. From insulation. S 379 753 12

**Energizer**

**2.39** 2-Pack C or D-Size or Single 9-Volt Alkaline Batteries. E 249 554 254 243

**GET A FREE 20" ENERGIZER BUNNY** when you purchase any six battery packages shown here. Or enter our online Bunny Sweepstakes to win one. Both offers are only at your participating True Value store. Sales to expire.

**3.49** 20-Oz. CLR Calcium, Lime & Rust Remover. For heavy-duty cleaning. W 324 442 P12

**9.99** Perky Pet Bird Feeder holds up to 2 pounds of seed. 312 L 186 786 6

**5.99** MISER PLUS HALOGEN Light Bulbs 1200 Energy Saver 40 2500. Absolutely free. (Batteries sold at 4.99) 65417 E 362 225 F36

**2.99** YOUR CHOICE 4-Pack AA or AAA Alkaline Batteries. E 254 581 627 083 F12

**True Value.**

**Sale Ends February 17, 1997**

**Alberville**  
Weather's True Value Appl  
201 N Broad St  
Phone (205) 878-4311

**Andalusia**  
Brooks True Value  
102 S Three Notch St  
Phone (334) 222-6518

**Atmore**  
Atmore True Value  
209 W Nashville Ave  
Phone (334) 446-1535

**Clanton**  
The Lumber Store/True Value  
800 S 7th St  
Phone (205) 755-9891

**Elba**  
Grantham True Value  
304 S Reese Ave  
Phone (334) 897-6031

**Gardendale**  
Gardendale True Value  
1011 Main Street  
Phone (205) 967-2438

**Montgomery**  
Cloverland True Value  
3831 S Court St  
Phone (205) 264-6876

**Montgomery**  
Dixie True Value  
24 W Park Ave  
Phone (334) 263-0825

**Montgomery**  
Moody True Value  
3030 Mc Ghee Rd  
Phone (334) 281-1953

**Montgomery**  
Moody True Value  
843 S Decatur St  
Phone (334) 262-8655

**Muscle Shoals**  
Woodward True Value  
1208 Woodward Ave  
Phone (205) 383-2302

**Oxford**  
Lipham Farm Supply & True Value  
1822 Hwy 78 East  
Phone (205) 835-0832

**Red Bay**  
Underwood True Value/V&S  
1104 Golden Rd  
Phone (205) 356-9556

**Russellville**  
Dependable True Value  
Old Ivy Square Bypass 43  
Phone (205) 332-0332

**Selma**  
Holly True Value  
1601 W Water Ave  
Phone (334) 872-9602

**Stevenson**  
Johnny's True Value  
1202 Kentucky Avenue  
Phone (205) 437-8737

**Tuscaloosa**  
Ricks True Value  
2104 University Blvd E  
Phone (205) 553-6620

**True Value**

**COME IN AND APPLY FOR YOUR TRUE VALUE® MASTERCARD® TODAY.**

© 1997 by COTTER & COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60631. The price advertised herein are Cotter & Company's suggested retail prices. Actual prices and terms are determined by individual retailers and may vary. No cash, merchandise, credit or other benefits will be given in connection with this promotion. True Value® is a registered trademark of Cotter & Co.

CONFUSION ON HOW MATRIX DERIVED

## Elba City School Board hears explanation on Salary Matrix

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba School Board meeting was rather routine until the discussion got to an explanation of Salary Matrix by Superintendent Charles Pearce.

Teachers around the state have been calling board members and legislators since receiving a letter on the subject from Alabama Education Association head Paul Hubbard. He wrote, "Many local boards are paying individual teachers less than the state sends them for each teacher."

He asked that AEA members call or write their legislators within 24 hours after receiving his letter.

A group of Elba teachers were present at the board meeting for the expressed purpose of discussing the matter with board members.

Salary matrix is an accepted sliding scale of teacher salaries. Confusion arises when someone attempts to explain how it was derived. Several years ago the salaries paid by all school systems in the state, by training and years of teaching experience, were collected in cooperation with AEA, the state board of education, legislature, etc. Using some formula of highest and lowest salaries for each platform, or cell, of education and experience and plugging in "other factors" a statewide "Salary Matrix" became part of the state mandated pay for teachers.

The legislature required school boards pay all teachers at least 95% of this figure. It rises with each legislative teacher pay raise. There is no legal limit on how high teacher salaries may be set by the local boards.

The law or "Foundation Program" requires "Teacher salaries must be based on a salary schedule adopted by the local board, but the salary schedule must be at least 95% of the salary amounts found in the state salary matrix by cell."

A memorandum from the State Superintendent of Education office, dated October 11, 1996, reads: "The Legislature never intended to establish salary amounts for individual teachers with this matrix. This position was fully understood and supported by all parties involved during the development of the Foundation Program."

Verbally, people close to the Legislative process at that time say this statement above means AEA's Paul Hubbard approved the 95% measure before it ever went to the Leg-

islature. At that time Elba was paying 100%, or over, for the first years of employment. However, adjustments had to be made to bring the most experienced teachers, who were making more, but not equal to the "matrix" up to that 95% figure. This has kept pace as the matrix rose through several pay raises statewide.

Pearce told board members it would cost the local school system \$114,900 a year to bring all 79 teachers up to 100% of this matrix. He said the board doesn't have the money and the only way to respond to the legislature suddenly required it without additional funding would be additional taxes or terminating several locally funded teacher units.

Responding to teachers questions in an informal discussion following the board meeting, Pearce named several of the teachers who are locally funded and would be slated for termination if that became the only option. One named was among those attending and asking for the 100% funding of the matrix. Her field of expertise is considered important to the student's overall education, but the attendance numbers don't qualify Elba for the additional state funded unit.

State law requires the school system pay these locally funded units the same base pay as the state funded unit. Presently, the Elba school system is funding 11.7 classroom teachers without any state help. Statewide, early estimates are that it would cost in excess of \$80 million dollars annually to raise all teachers to 100% of the matrix figure.

Presently there are 11 school systems statewide (out of 127 total) which pay at 100% or more of the salary matrix at all levels of education and experience. These include Enterprise City and Dale County in the Wiregrass area.

The Elba school system has 35 of the most senior teachers (15 years teaching experience or more) at 95% of the salary matrix. Others of the 79 total teachers range from 96% up to the 100% figure for some newer teachers. As these teachers gain experience and the related pay raises, they will also drop down in percentages of the matrix if no adjustments are made in the system.

Please See BOE, Page 10



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A judge has said the Ten Commandments can't be displayed in an Alabama courtroom. We are disappointed at this decision but somehow we ain't surprised. We were surprised last week to read that Governor James had made a "stand in the school house door" vow about it being necessary to use force to take the Commandments down from any Alabama courtroom, or some such statement. We hope he was misquoted or at least has had second thoughts. While we advocate displays of Christianity, we also feel the people of Alabama have had enough embarrassment from defying the laws of the land. Actually the Freedmen and the folks at Waco could (and did) say they were just standing up for their beliefs. There are ways of opposing such distasteful decisions, but that ain't one of them ... not a good one anyway.

Over the counter medicines are required by law to list their ingredients on the label. However, the law doesn't promise us average grunts will understand the label, even if we happen to read it. An example was in a magazine article we read this week. The mixture claimed to have active ingredients so diluted that it is almost nonexistent. In fact it doesn't even register when analyzed. A gram of the medicine made up of 0.85 gram of sucrose and 0.15 gram of lactose. Your child in chemistry class will quickly tell you that all this means the stuff is 100% ... s-u-g-a-r! Makers call this a homeopathic drug, because it has all those magic curing powers and this group of cures is reaping over \$200 million a year from us unsuspecting sick folks ... and it is all legal because the ingredients are listed on the label.

Last week in our comments about the Alabama legislature, one of the heated debates we predicted was over how to earmark school funds. Folks, it has already started. Many school teachers across the state are calling legislators and school board members with strong demands for immediate action, and action in their favor. This page carries comments from Representative Garth Moore on the matter. We have talked to teachers, administrators and a number of lawmakers on this subject. As we told teachers on more than one occasion in the past week, "The average person on the street would probably agree to an individual teacher getting the same pay for the same education and time of service, BUT ask that same person (voter) if he or she was willing to pay an additional \$80 million per year to fund it and they will get the exact reaction legislators say they are already getting ... NO WAY." Folks, it will have to be done without more taxes, or the taxpayers will be up in arms. If that did happen, we predict the voters would take out their frustrations at the polls against otherwise good and wanted measures (and people). While a statewide pay schedule may be the ultimate answer to this problem, that would take away more local control and disenchant much needed supporters of public education. We might add that in our opinion several statements in a letter to all AEA members from Dr. Paul Hubbard were at least, misleading.

It gives us a warm feeling to read news articles from other publications when they are reporting on the good works of Elba natives. A news article from the newspaper in Durham, N.C. does just that about Dr. Albert Collier, son of Elba natives Mildred and Ida Ruth (Lee) Collier. Dr. Collier is chief of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Recently that organization received a \$7.9 million grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to study viral respiratory infections in young children. We kinda like kids and are thankful for anything which might lead to relieving their pain.

Friday is Valentine's Day. So far this special day is "clean". What we mean is that there is no known group claiming it is bad like Halloween, Christmas, many Jewish holidays, the fairly new African American harvest celebration, etc. We suggest you enjoy it while you can, someone, somewhere is trying to play killjoy on this one also.

### COUNTRYSIDE DISCOUNT

New Shipments **GROCERY 99¢ SALE** New Shipments  
894-6343

<b>Pillsbury Toaster Strudel</b>	6 Pk.	99¢
<b>Micro. Hungry Jack Pancakes</b>	12 Pk.	99¢
<b>Kellogg's Eggo Mini's</b>	48 Pk.	99¢
<b>Pictsweet Prem. Cut Okra</b>	16 oz. Pk.	99¢
<b>Pictsweet Field Peas/Snaps</b>	16 oz. Bag	99¢
<b>Banquet Supreme Pot Pies</b>		2/99¢
<b>Banquet Orig. Chicken Patties</b>	13.5 Oz	99¢
<b>Lean Cuisine Mic. Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b>		99¢
<b>G. G. Nibblers</b>		
<b>Corn-On-The-Cob</b>	6 Pk.	99¢
<b>Caesar's Cheese Ravioli</b>	Lg. Round	99¢
<b>Kraft Pasta Salads</b>	10 Oz. Box	2/99¢
<b>Kraft Salad Dressing</b>	16 oz. Btl.	3/99¢
<b>Kraft Mayonnaise</b>	Qt.	2/99¢
<b>Kraft Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b>		2/99¢
<b>Spikes Sport Drinks</b>	20 Oz. Sq. Btl.	4/99¢
<b>Orange &amp; Strawberry</b>		
<b>Sun Crest Soda</b>	20 Oz. Btl.	3/99¢
<b>Prem. Quality Chicken Thighs</b>	40 Oz. Bg.	\$2.99
<b>Prem Quality Chicken Legs</b>		\$2.99
<b>Birdseye Tender Sweet Corn</b>		69¢
<b>Birdseye Broccoli Spears</b>		69¢

(Assorted Snack Items Great For School 10 For 99¢)  
**ATTENTION!! Mention this ad to us and get a 16 oz. Pack of Lykes Bacon, Lunch Meat or Sausage For 99¢**

Hwy. 87 at intersection with Hwy. 134

### The Elba Clipper

USPS 171-080  
Is published every Thursday by The Elba Clipper,  
417 W. Buford St., Elba, Alabama, 36323  
Publication Postage paid at Elba, Alabama 36323

POSTMASTER: Send Address Changes To:  
The Elba Clipper, P. O. Box A, Elba, AL 36323

Copyright - All Rights Reserved  
TELEPHONE (334) 897-2823 or fax (334) 897-3434

John Ferrin Cox - PUBLISHER  
Marvin McIlwain - EDITOR  
Ricky Mulazir - SPORTS  
Heddy J. Cox - BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBSCRIPTION RATES  
Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$15.00 Per Year  
6 Months - \$8.00 - Including City & State Tax  
Alabama Counties - \$17.00 Per Year - Including Tax  
6 Months - \$9.00  
Outside Alabama - \$18.00 Per Year - 6 Months - \$10.00

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Salary matrix center of controversy

by Rep. Garrett Moore

### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of February 4, 1997 through February 10, 1997.

They were: W. K. Cotter, Chris Byfield, Bobby Parks, Vickie Stewart, Mary Kelley, Sue Armstrong, Amber Bledsoe, Aubie Canley, Ella Fair Hudson, Nancy Wicker, Pearlie Culver, Ida Mae Hooks, Hazel McGuire, Marcus Caldwell, W. B. Baldwin, Myrtle Hudson, Lucille Stackhouse, Minnie Matthews, William Henderson, Christopher Lawson, Henry Stackhouse, Daisy Rhodes, and Pettie Wambles.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Myrtle Hudson, Ella Fair Hudson, W. B. Baldwin, Marcus Caldwell, Christopher Lawson, Hudson Ennis, Alberta Taylor, Vickie Stewart, Thomas Smith, Chris Byfield, Sue Armstrong, Marty Stroud, Bobby Parks, Katherine Savage, Amber Bledsoe, Pearlie Culver, W. K. Cotter, Mercer Brunson, Mary Kelley, Nancy Wicker, Hazel McGuire, Ida Mae Hooks, Aubie Canley, and Minnie Matthews.

The minimum pay required by the legislature in 1995 was an issue of hot debate. School administrators and many in the legislature thought that 90% of the matrix was a fair figure. The AEA fought for and prevailed in having the baseline set at 95%. Our local systems were faced with the job of integrating their old pay scales with the new system. Teachers with about sixteen or fewer years experience were already at the required 95% minimum. In fact, most were at and remain in the 98%-100% range. Teachers with roughly seventeen years of experience and above were given raises in 1995 to meet the state mandated 95% minimum requirement. All teachers received a 4% pay raise last year.

Now the problem. The AEA is pushing for the legislature to raise the required minimum from 95% to 100% of the salary matrix. This will force the layoff of about seven or

eight teachers in the school systems in Coffee County. Teachers that were previously funded through local revenue that is now mandated to be sent to Montgomery for distribution. As I said before, the matrix was originally designed as a mechanism to achieve equitable funding statewide, not as an ideal for any system. There are many systems that can afford to pay their teachers well above the 100% matrix level due to local revenues.

The AEA position that teachers are being ripped off by their local boards because funding comes from Montgomery at 100% of the matrix per teacher unit is a flawed argument. The reason for setting the level at 95% was to give some control to the people closest to the education process in this state-local boards of education. The law states that this funding has to be spent on instructional salaries. If our local board determines that we need a librarian or special education instructor in lieu of paying 100% of the matrix for all teachers, who am I to contradict that? Local control is what it is all about. When the general public gains the confidence in our education system to support it with more local revenues, these issues will be more easily solved.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay across the state. This matrix is the center of controversy this year between the AEA and school administrators.

The salary matrix takes into account the experience level and the type of degree held by a teacher to determine the amount of average pay

across the state. The legislature also had to establish a minimum that local boards could pay based on this new matrix. Keep in mind that the matrix was devised only to set a benchmark for figuring funding from Montgomery. We were now required more local support sent to Montgomery that had been previously used to fund local teacher units.

When the Plan was being developed, a system had to be devised to distribute this money down to the local level. A teacher unit per pupil ratio was agreed upon by the AEA, the James administration, and the legislature. A salary matrix was also devised based on an average of teachers pay





Miss Leigh Anne Harrell

## Miss Leigh Anne Harrell to marry Mr. Troy Hudson

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harrell of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Anne, to Troy Russell Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hudson of Troy.

Leigh Anne is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Dunn, Mrs. Marvin Edward Wagoner, the late Mr. Wagoner, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Walter Harrell. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. George Irving Dunn. Leigh Anne attended Auburn University and is a graduate of Troy State University. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority. Leigh Anne is employed by Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

Troy is the grandson of Mrs. Charles W. Dorough, the late Mr. Dorough, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Connie R. Hudson, all of Elba. He attended the University of Alabama

## EHS Class of '52 to hold reunion

Elba High School Class of 1952 will have a 45th class reunion on May 31, 1997 at the high school cafeteria. Grads will be contacted later with details of the reunion.

## Coffee County Retired Teachers & Support Group to meet

The Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, February 18, at 11:00 a.m. at El Palacios Restaurant in Enterprise, AL. The guest speaker will be a registered representative of the Regions Investment Company.



Ms. Mary Ann Mattox

## BE WISE: APPRAISE, INSURE BEFORE LOSS

Area antique owners have the benefit of a registered appraiser who will appraise in shop or come to your home.

Mary Ann Mattox of Ozark brings 27 years of experience in selling and appraising. She is beginning her fourth year at Down Home Antiques in Enterprise, across from Lowe's on Boll Weevil Circle. Hours are 10-3 on Wednesdays. She will come to your home by appointment. Charges are reasonable in consideration of budgeting families.

"Our antiques and other valuable home furnishings are not fully covered by homeowners

insurance unless appraised and added in the form of a low-cost floater," says Ms. Mattox. She appraises furniture, silver, china and glass, as well as other collectibles. She conducts Estate Sales.

Ms. Mattox can appraise for insurance, estate division and/or settlement for damage claims, and in advance of a move to a new location.

Also, Ms. Mattox is available to speak to area organizations. She can be reached at 334-774-9435 or on Wednesdays at 334-347-1297.

## We're ready for Valentine's Day. Are you?

Teleflora's Valentine's Day Keepsake Bouquets

Teleflora's beautiful Valentine's Day bouquets are each designed to make a great impression. Filled with fresh flowers, these lovely keepsakes express your feelings with elegance and beauty.

To send these memorable gifts anywhere in the U.S. or Canada, call or visit our shop.



**Teleflora**  
The Garden Gate  
P.O. Box 402 1951 Hickman Ave. Elba, AL 36323  
334-897-2666

## Social Notes

### Mrs. Donald Lee speaks to Three-In-One Study Club

The Three-In-One Study Club met at the Elba City Library with Mrs. Donald Lee serving as hostess.



Shelby Leigh Sorrells

### Shelby Leigh Sorrells celebrates first birthday recently

Shelby Leigh Sorrells celebrated her 1st birthday on February 1. She is the daughter of Michael and Lynn Sorrells of New Brockton. Her grandparents are Ralph Harris of Dothan, Donnie and Diane Jones of Elba, and Tommy and Pat Sorrells of Elba. She celebrated by having her 1st party at the home of her Uncle Jeff and Aunt Jennifer Amlog.

A delicious party plate was served. Mrs. Wilson Newman, president, presided over a business session.

Mrs. Donald Lee gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Head Injury Foundation and how the citizens are served by it. Todd Lewis serves as Family Services Coordinator, Tim Butts is counselor for Home Bound, and Penny Kruger is Care Coordinator for TBI Vocational Rehab.

She stated motor vehicle crashes cause 50% of all traumatic brain injuries, with falls accounting for 21%, assault and violence 12%, and sports and recreation 10%. She is involved in support groups, statewide bike-a-thon events, including the bike-a-thon held in Wiregrass Mall and the Spring and Fall camps at Camp ASCA.

Mrs. Jim Williams gave an inspirational poem by Donna Lindsey, "A Vision in the Night."

### New Arrival

### JOSEPH (PETE) HALE FLEMMING III

Susan and Joe Flemming of Gunterville announce the birth of a son, Joseph (Pete) Hale Fleming, III. He weighed 7lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Dixie and Pete Dorsey of Elba, and Kathy and Joe Flemming of Birmingham.



Miss Adkison &amp; Mr. Havel

## Adkison-Havel wedding planned for March 1st

Max Adkison of Troy, AL, and Frances Lawford Hoskins of Panama City, FL, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Adkison, to Corey Havel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Havel of Irvington, AL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Leroy and Nell Lawford of Elba, AL, and Alfred and Jeanette Adkison of New Brockton, AL. She is the great granddaughter of Emma Walden and the late Macon Walden of New Brockton, AL.

The groom is the grandson of Mary Keith and the late Edward Keith of Irvington, AL, Milton Havel and Hans of Spanish Fort, AL, and Annie Havel of Fairhope, AL.

The wedding will be held March 1, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God of Elba, AL. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

After their marriage, the couple will reside in the Mobile, AL area.

## Beauty pageants planned by Chamber of Commerce

The Elba Chamber Of Commerce will be sponsoring The Little Miss, Jr. Miss, and Miss Elba Pageant on April 18 and 19, 1997. A preliminary planning meeting with all interested participants will be announced later. Several exciting plans are already underway for the event. Miss Alabama 1996, Allison McGarry, has already been signed to be Emcee and performer for the event.

## Merle Wise honored with bridal luncheon

In the infamously words of Gomer Pyle, "surprise, surprise, surprise" was the theme for a bridal luncheon honoring Merle W. Wise on Saturday, February 8, 1997 and held at the Whitewater Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Miss Merle, as she is affectionately known to her White-water family, was lured to the church under the guise of participating in a Women on Missions Entertainment Luncheon. She arrived at the church with prepared speech and obligatory covered dish in hand whereby she was greeted by approximately 50 friends and family members shouting "surprise".

The WMU member enlistment focal was carried throughout the entrance decorations as a large banner and balloons welcomed arriving guests to the luncheon. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Audrey Smith, Whitewater Baptist Church Women on Missions President, and directed down the entrance hallway which was decorated with WMU themes, watchwords, and the church's quilt emphasizing the history of Baptist WMU. The guest registry was placed on a linen and lace covered table. A floral arrangement and the traditional feathered pen completed the table appointments. The fellowship hall was lavishly decorated by the talents of Mrs. Carolyn Maddox and Mrs. Jeanette Windham in colors of ivory and gold and featured conventional wedding candelabras. The dining tables were covered in ivory with gold metallic runners and



Pictured Left to Right: Seated- Mrs. Patsy Jones; Standing- Mrs. Merle Wise-Honoree, Mrs. Audrey Smith, Mrs. Wayne White and Mrs. Janice Bell.

crystal candle holders. The honored guest was seated at the head table covered in crocheted lace, enhanced with a floral arrangement of roses and lighted gold candles. Seated with Miss Merle at the honored table were Rev. and Mrs. Danny Maddox, church pastor and program coordinator, respectively. Mrs. Wayne White, director, Mrs. Audrey Smith, president, and Mrs. Kay Mack, White-water Baptist Church Music Director.

Pastor Danny Maddox offered the prayer of thanksgiving followed by Mrs. Hattie White singing "The Lord's Prayer". A delicious buffet meal of turkey, dressing, vegetables, salad, and desserts was enjoyed.

Then the fun began. A wedding rehearsal was enacted. Miss Merle was quickly dressed in a Carolyn Maddox original wedding gown creation of "linen" (the church's customary paper table cloth) complete with tulle veil. The groom's stand-in was Jack Bell dressed in suit and tie and sporting a "pencil" mustache. Serving as matron of honor was Mrs. Glenda Heath, along with Mrs. Charlotte Windham as flower girl. Since the only other male at this event was the preacher and he was performing the ceremony, it was quickly and unanimously concluded that the "best man for a job is a woman". So Mrs. Patsy Jones served the groom as best man. Mrs. Hattie White and Mrs. Kay Mack provided the nuptial music. The women of the church were unique in that Miss Merle proposed, and the groom solemnly agreed, to

continue her friendships, responsibilities and accessibility to her White-water family. The wedding ring (or maybe it was a bracelet) was a rather large solitaire setting. All in fun and with much laughter the message of love and affection held for Miss Merle by her friends and family was evidenced. The mock nuptials, directed by Mrs. Sylvia Padgett, were followed by Miss Merle opening her linen and lingerie gifts.

The wedding of Merle W. Wise to C. Stanley Clark will be held February 14, 1997 at a private ceremony in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The well wishes of all who know and love Miss Merle are extended from Whitewater Baptist Church.

Stan Marsh  
Marsh Insurance  
Agency  
137 N. Court St.  
Elba, AL  
897-2981

Serving Elba's Insurance Needs Since 1947  
Complete Insurance Coverage

## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA- 897-2006

Scripture: Philippians 4:19.

Thinking of you, praying for you. Mary Tom Kelley, Tim Whitefield, Joe Mack Russell, Robert Coleman, Hannah Coleman, Lizzie Tyson, Pearl Mincey, J.C. Brooks, Lue Head, Maggie Head, W.H. Caldwell, Annie M. Daniels, Ruby Walker, Lovie Hooks, Charlie Harris.

February Birthdays  
Versie Barnes: Feb. 7; Willie Dorsey Smith: Feb. 7; and Wiley Brooks: Feb. 12.

We are not put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through.  
De Vries

7 Shape Singing Convention  
The 7 Shape Singing Convention will convene at Oak Grove Baptist Church of Elba, AL on February 16, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. J. R. Parks is pastor.

Youth need to know America's Black Heritage, a continuing strength in our society.  
February 1, 1865: John S. Rock, first Negro to practice before U.S. Supreme Court.  
February 2, 1776: George Washington answered letter from Phillis Wheatley.  
February 5, 1934: Hank Aaron was born.  
February 6, 1961: Jail-In Movement began in Rock Hill, SC.  
February 9, 1965: President Johnson and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. met at White House.  
February 10, 1780: Seven Negroes challenge taxation without representation.

First Choir Anniversary  
The Youth Choir of Coffee County, Chapter of the NAACP will celebrate their 1st choir anniversary at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Enterprise, AL, on February 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Friends, choirs, choruses, and soloists are invited to attend. For more information call 393-4585.

Haris Temple News  
Groceries  
Harris Temple COGIC Grocery Ministry will give away FREE bags of groceries on Friday, February 14, 1997 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Elba Youth Center. The center is located at the old Mulberry Heights School in the Mulberry Heights Community of Elba, AL.

Pastor Anniversary  
Harris Temple will be celebrating the Fifth Pastor's Anniversary on Sunday, February 16, 1997 beginning at 4:00 p.m. A service honoring Sis. Sonia Ellison will be held on Friday night, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. Harris Temple COGIC is located at 417 Adams Street in Elba, AL. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street are alive and moving ahead in this New Year. They are still located in the HRDC building at 127 Factory Street, and are in the process of ramping up the club. The seniors met on February 6 for their weekly meeting. News was exchanged, some played dominoes, and others walked to various places. There were several visitors and they were welcomed. Mrs. Mary Phillips of Kinston is the new coordinator for HRDC and she is a willing member of the seniors also. A delicious lunch was enjoyed. Those attending were: Zedie Bouyer, Bonnie Wadley, Mattie Lou Goodson, Hugo Smith, Nellie Corbit, Frank McCollough, Alene English, Iris McDowell, Mary Harris, Mary Phillips, and Wanda Sasser.

## ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Rev. J. E. Walter  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Afternoon ..... 3:30 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jenny Porter  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Redd  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

## A Grand Occasion

The Saint Mark Gospel Choir will present 100 Christian Women in White, February 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Mark AME Church of Daleville, AL. The guest speaker will be Rev. Mary Jenkins, pastor of Saint Mary's Mission of Faith of Enterprise, AL. The pastor is Rev. Ulysses Kinney and the president is Marie Cummings.

Today is a good day. Be grateful.

New Arrival  
MACY ANNE MCINTOSH

Scott and Stephanie (Goodson) McIntosh of New Brockton are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Macy Anne McIntosh, on January 24, 1997. She weighed 7lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Macy was born at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, AL.

Proud grandparents are Roger and Shirley Goodson of New Brockton, AL, and Bobby and Peggy McIntosh of Elba, AL.

Great grandparents include Eddie B. Goodson of New Brockton, AL, Roshia Blanton of Jack, AL, and Gladys Phelps of Enterprise, AL.

Mustard Seed Foundation News  
The seniors met at the foundation to have a time of fellowship and enjoyed a luncheon. The 12 members present were: Mary Seavey, Mattie Lou Goodson, Francis Shaboo, Harper Smart, Margie Smith, Malvin Mathews, Zealson and Evelyn Smith, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Frank and Linnie McCollough. The seniors which meet at the foundation would like to invite other seniors to come and join their fellowship. There were several members missing due to sickness.

The foundation is located in the Victoria Community on Coffee County #211. For more information call 897-6647 or 735-2455.

The Sunday night and Wednesday night service times have been changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Every Monday night there will be a men's fellowship meeting and prayer meeting and women's fellowship and prayer meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. All men and women are invited to attend.

There will be a gospel singing featuring the New Covenant Singers on Saturday, February 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

Bridal Registry  
Bradley Florist & Gift

• Crystal Stemwear  
• China  
• Flatware  
305 Collier - 897-3422

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

## The Covenant Players to be at Elba United Methodist Church Sunday Morning

The Covenant Players will be performing at the Elba United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 16, 1997 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Headquartered in Oxford, California and directed by founder and playwright Charles Tanner, this international repertory theatre has, since its inception in 1963, performed over one million times in 84 countries around the world, in 21 languages.

## Clayhatchee Assembly of God to host gospel sing

Clayhatchee Assembly of God will host a gospel sing featuring the Mercedites from Sawnee, SC on Friday, February 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Clayhatchee Assembly of God is located on Dale County Road 45 about 1/4 mile from Highway 92 on the right in Clayhatchee. Everyone is invited. For further information call (334) 598-8804.

## Asbury Church to host gospel sing Friday, February 14th

Asbury Church is planning a gospel sing, featuring The Perrys, Friday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken.

## Birthday Kids

Emily Miller turned 5 years old on February 5, and Cory Miller turned 8 years old on February 15. They are the children of John and Sherry Miller. Their grandparents are Robert and Ann Miller and Billy and Linda Smith, all of Elba.

## Mustard Seed Foundation News

The seniors met at the foundation to have a time of fellowship and enjoyed a luncheon. The 12 members present were: Mary Seavey, Mattie Lou Goodson, Francis Shaboo, Harper Smart, Margie Smith, Malvin Mathews, Zealson and Evelyn Smith, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Frank and Linnie McCollough. The seniors which meet at the foundation would like to invite other seniors to come and join their fellowship. There were several members missing due to sickness.

## Zachary Glen Grimes to celebrate birthday

Zachary Glen Grimes will celebrate his birthday on Monday, February 17.

Zach is the son of Tony and Laura Grimes of Enterprise, He is the grandson of Jack and Janette Schmidt of Enterprise and the late Sam and Ouida Grimes of Elba.

Helping Zach celebrate his birthday at his western style party will be his younger sister, Kayla, along with his cousins, Kelli, Kyle, and Kaleb Richard of Elba.

## District # 8 O.E.S. annual conference to be held

The annual conference for district #8 O.E.S. will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, AL. All members plan to attend, properly dressed, and on time.

## Church Directory

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH  
J.C. Turner  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Lorain Flowers  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Mike Medley  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH - A.R. Williams  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.

ROSTON BAPTIST CHURCH - W.R. Fuller  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME - Rev. F. L. Flowers  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service Mon. 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - Tony Dye  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Danny Maddox  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service Mon. 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.











## CCC

(Continued from Page One)

Churches, civic organizations, and corporate sponsors are being asked to participate in the establishing of this center and to provide assistance in implementing the concept.

County Engineer Randy Tindell asked that the adoption of the FY 98 Federal Aid Program be postponed. He noted that some members of the commission were late in getting their maps with the indicated roads to be considered for the program.

Tindell also requested a work session in order for the commissioners to discuss the FY 98 program.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley informed the commissioners that County Maintenance Supervisor John Flowers would be retiring in March of this year.

Mobley stated that he would be running a job announcement stating that applications will be taken for the position through the month of February.

Commissioner Robert Stephens ended the meeting on a positive note by bragging on Coffee County.

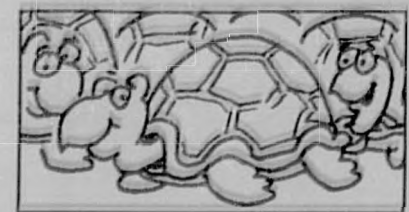
He noted that, based on figures supplied by the SEAPDC (Southeast Alabama Planning and Development Commission), Coffee County has the lowest unemployment in the seven-county area.

Stephens also stated that the county leads all seven counties in retail sales. Since 1989 to 1995, retail sales have increased by 47 percent in Coffee County.

## BOE

(Continued from Page One)

Peace voiced optimism that the matter could be resolved. He said, "If we can come together with three different groups (School Board Association, Association of School Administrators and AEA) with logical minds and reach an agreement and legislators will support what we set on, it can be solved. I don't have a problem with funding at 100%, but we need the legislature to give us enough money to pay the difference in our 11.7 locally funded units."



A group of turtles is called a "bate."

The next meeting of the commission will be held on Monday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

Other matters of business addressed by the commission were as follows:

\*\*\*Appointed Golda Donaldson with the Coffee County School System, Linda Wilson with Enterprise Junior College, and Steven Smothers with Medical Center Enterprise to serve on an advisory committee to the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

The board adopted policy concerning Site Based Management. Under this policy, each school administrator and faculty will have the opportunity to have more input into preparing their overall budget.

\*\*\*Re-appointed Greg Lee to the Tabernacle-Chiltonville Water Authority for a six-year term. His new term begins March 1st.

\*\*\*Released the Farmers Home Administration from their lease agreement. They had leased office space from the county with it ending on September 30, 1997.

\*\*\*Chairman Grimsley appointed Commissioner Bernest Brooks to chair a county-wide committee whose purpose will be, in a joint effort with the Elba and Enterprise Chambers of Commerce, to promote all of Coffee County.

\*\*\*Approved a request to send out bid requests on the repairing of the undercarriage of two bulldozers.

## 4-H REPORT

(Continued from Page One)

On February 5, 1997 there was a 4-H meeting in New Brockton. The members sang "God Bless America," led by Connie Brown and Lani Smith. This was followed by the pledges. Marisa Henderson won first place in the poster contest. Following this announcement, the group went over what is coming up. There will be a 4-H camp, county fashion show, bicycle rodeo, a pet fair, a plant and soil exhibit, and a watermelon growing contest. The program for the meeting involved a trivia game.

The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (CST) at the New Brockton Farm Center Coliseum Building, New Brockton, AL in conjunction with the Annual Membership Meeting of Alabama Peanut Producers Association. The nomination will be the first part of the meeting and it will be open to all Southeastern Area peanut growers.

The Peanut Administrative Committee administers the Peanut Marketing Agreement. The committee is made up of growers, shellers, and the area association managers, and recommends peanut marketing regulations to be issued by the US Secretary of Agriculture under the Agreement. These regulations apply generally to the entire industry.

The grower member position to be filled is currently held by W.L. Cocoran of Eufaula, AL and the alternate position is occupied by Carl Sanders of Brundidge, AL. Both terms expire on April 30, 1997. Both men are eligible for re-nomination.

A special program of interest to the peanut industry will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## GROW

(Continued from Page One)

ing before the board, the high bids totaling \$4,981.86 were accepted on 9 vehicles (5 buses, 2 pick-ups, 1 sedan automobile, and 1 station wagon).

Low bids were also accepted on three new buses - one going to each of the county schools.

Southland International Trucks of Birmingham was low bidder on the bus body at \$13,845.41. Dowling Truck and Tractor of Enterprise submitted the low bid of \$29,175.00 on the bus chassis.

The buses are scheduled to be delivered by August 15, 1997.

The board adopted policy concerning Site Based Management. Under this policy, each school administrator and faculty will have the opportunity to have more input into preparing their overall budget.

Each school will select an advisory committee to identify and review the school's needs in terms of technology, textbooks and professional development. They will in turn make budget recommendations in meeting these needs.

The board, after reviewing the recommendations of each school, and the superintendent will make the final decision on the budget.

Boardmembers were informed that parent visitation days will be held at each of the county schools on Thursday (TODAY), February 13, in the afternoon and Friday, February 14, during the morning.

The board's next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office located in Elba.

## Elba Elementary Accelerated Reader 100 Point Club celebrations announced

(Continued from Page One)

When Elba Elementary students reach the goal of 100 points in the school's Accelerated Reader Program, they earn the privilege of spraying their principal, Mrs. Judy Killingsworth, with whipping cream or going off campus to lunch with Mr. Charles Pearce, superintendent of Elba City Schools. To celebrate their membership in the 100 Point Club, Bart Dargatz, a sixth grade student, and Casey Medlock, a third grader, chose to spray their principal with whipping cream in the school cafeteria as the majority of the students and teachers watched, laughed, and cheered. Mrs. Killingsworth was a good sport as Bart and Casey covered her with whipped cream. The other five 100 Point Club members, Elizabeth Farris, Sheena Flowers, Billy Gibson, Freddy Mallory, and Brandon Petty chose to go to lunch with Mr. Pearce. He came to school and chauffeured them to Pizza Hut for lunch. Of course, these sixth grade students informed Mr. Pearce about their fun experiences with Accelerated Reader, the ups and downs of being in the sixth grade, and other "important" school activities. Each 100 Point Club member deserves rewards and congratulations for achieving 100 points in one semester.

## Southern Peanut Growers to nominate committee member

(Continued from Page One)

Peanut growers of the Southeast - primarily Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and a portion of South Carolina - will meet at New Brockton, AL on Friday, February 14, 1997, to elect a grower member and alternate to the Peanut Administrative Committee.

The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (CST) at the New Brockton Farm Center Coliseum Building, New Brockton, AL in conjunction with the Annual Membership Meeting of Alabama Peanut Producers Association. The nomination will be the first part of the meeting and it will be open to all Southeastern Area peanut growers.

The Peanut Administrative Committee administers the Peanut Marketing Agreement. The committee is made up of growers, shellers, and the area association managers, and recommends peanut marketing regulations to be issued by the US Secretary of Agriculture under the Agreement. These regulations apply generally to the entire industry.

The grower member position to be filled is currently held by W.L. Cocoran of Eufaula, AL and the alternate position is occupied by Carl Sanders of Brundidge, AL. Both terms expire on April 30, 1997. Both men are eligible for re-nomination.

A special program of interest to the peanut industry will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

## S.E. AL Barber-Stylist Association to sponsor Hair Expo

The S.E. Alabama Barber-Stylist Association is sponsoring a "Basics of Barbering Hair Expo" Monday night, February 24, at 7:00. The expo will be held at MacArthur Technical College of Opp, AL, in the Barbering Department. For more information call: (334) 393-0648. Show cost is \$15.00 and student cost is \$10.00.

Each school will select an advisory committee to identify and review the school's needs in terms of technology, textbooks and professional development. They will in turn make budget recommendations in meeting these needs.

The board, after reviewing the recommendations of each school, and the superintendent will make the final decision on the budget.

Boardmembers were informed that parent visitation days will be held at each of the county schools on Thursday (TODAY), February 13, in the afternoon and Friday, February 14, during the morning.

The board's next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office located in Elba.

When Elba Elementary students reach the goal of 100 points in the school's Accelerated Reader Program, they



To Place An Ad, Call  
Phone 334/897-2823 Fax 334/897-3434  
By mail to: P.O. Box 6000, Elba, AL 36323  
or visit our office at  
417 W. Buford Street, Elba  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F & 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. S-S

# **PAYMENT**

Payment is by cash, check, credit card or  
30 day charge with approved credit.

Cost only **\$2.50** per week (first 15 words)  
Additional words 12¢ each  
Prepaid personal ads get 4th week FREE  
Bordered classifieds cost \$4.28 per col. inch

# **DEADLINE**

Classified and other advertisements have a noon  
Tuesday deadline for that week's paper.  
We reserve the right to refuse any ad at any time.

We strive to prevent errors in your ad,  
(and embarrassment to us both) but any  
corrections necessary must be made immedi-  
ately after 1st publication to get proper credit.

The Elba Clipper  
P.O. Box A  
Elba, AL 36323-0257  
Phone 334/897-2823 Fax 334/897-3434

# **MORE CLASSIFIED ADS**

## **HELP WANTED**

**WILDLIFE /CONSERVATION**  
JOBS-Now hiring Game Wardens, Se-  
curity, Maintenance, Park Rangers, In-  
terpretive, etc. For application and in-  
formation, call 1-800-868-4753. (R)

**DRIVE TRACTOR** trailers in 14 days! CIL  
training. Driving tractor. Companies hiring on  
daily. \$225 total cost of pocket book and  
financed. Tuition reimbursement. Apply by  
phone. 1-800-378-2137.

**PT ANY SHIPT LPN CHARGE**  
NURSE needed for 194 bed long-term  
care facility located in Troy, AL. Ex-  
cellent benefits. Excellent starting salary and  
fringe benefits. Contact Annette Parker,  
RN, DON or Ralph Bailey, Ad-  
ministrator. Telephone (334) 566-0880.

**NEW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR**  
full-time floral designer w/  
experience. For more information call  
334-897-2666.

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Position: General Clerk  
Location: Probate Office-Enterprise  
Closing Date: Resumes & Applications  
taken until February 21, 1997

**DRIVERS** EACH driver needs \$900.00  
per week. 100% drive/look, no touch freight.  
terminal/terminal insurance, home office, team  
operation, minimum age 25, 1 year OTR. Haul  
Free Motor Line. 1-800-763-1712, M-F 8  
a.m.-5 p.m. (R)

**FLORIDA LONG-TERM CARE FA-  
CILITY** seeks RN with a minimum  
experience for the 1000 pm shift. 6:00  
am shift and also for the 2:00 pm shift.  
1000 pm shift. Excellent salary and  
benefits. Any interested individual  
should call Annette Parker, RN,  
D.O.N. or Ralph Bailey, Ad-  
ministrator. Telephone (334) 566-0880.

**SHARE AMERICA** with Scandinavian, Euro-  
pean, South American, Asian, Russian high  
school exchange students arriving August.  
Become a host family! AISE. Call 1-800-SIB-  
LING.

**SWEETIE WANTED** - City buying new self-  
propelled street sweeper, delivery, eight weeks  
of award. Request specifications. (334) 897-  
2333 or fax (334) 897-3377. Sealed bids.  
William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate  
P.O. Box 1256  
Elba, AL 36323

**AVON REPS. NEEDED** - Full/Part-time.  
Second Income. Several ways to  
sell. No experience. Insurance available.  
Independent Rep. Call 800-239-2866.

**OWNER/OPERATORS** - Bee Line Express-  
Inc., Birmingham, AL accepting lease, OTR  
experience required. Must be able to work  
settling in good benefits. Home most week-  
end. Call Kim 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (205) 849-8665/  
1-800-763-5623. (R)

**POSTAL JOBS** - Start \$12,600 plus  
benefits. For application and exam in-  
formation, call 1-800-256-7606, ext. AL222, 7 AM  
to 8 PM, 7 days.

**DRIVERS - EXP.** OTR, recent school grad.  
Builders Transport is now hiring in your area  
for our new, flatbed and dedicated fleets. Call  
today 1-800-762-1819. (R)

**EVERGREEN WEDDING CHAPEL** - Valen-  
tine's 5 day packages. A few of our offerings  
include: wedding chapel, lovely gazebo, limo,  
chairs, etc. 1-800-643-3377. (R)

**GATLINBURG AREA** - simple, yet elegant,  
traditional Christian wedding chapel. Good  
location. Call 1-800-848-6458. (R)

**GET MARRIED** - A beautiful Smoky Moun-  
tain wedding chapel, Christian services, complete  
arrangements, elegant white chapel / center  
mountain top chapel, lovely gazebo, limo,  
chairs, etc. 1-800-937-7274. (R)

**MENTOR WEDDING CHAPEL** - get married  
in the beautiful Smoky Mountains. Weddings  
are simple to elegant. No blood test. For in-  
formation about your special day call (205) 634-4181.  
1-800-643-3377. (R)

**DRIVERS - EXPERIENCED** or inexperienced.  
North American Van Lines has local opera-  
tor openings in your area. Training, tuition-free  
training. No trailer maintenance  
expenses, pay for performance plus much more.  
1-800-348-2147, Dept. A-1. \*Subject to  
certain conditions.

**DRIVERS - OTR** - Advanced Distribution  
System. Top pay and \$1,000 sign-on bonus to  
qualified drivers. Call 1-800-646-3438, ext.  
1002. Owner operators welcome.

**DRIVERS - SOLO** / team / owner operators.  
Team \$100K+. \$2K sign-on bonus. \$70K+ Top  
owner operator position. Conventions,  
travel, tuition-free training. 1-800-441-4944  
ext. SC-2. (Grandma) 1-800-338-6428  
ext. SC-2. Weekend recruiting.

**DRIVERS** - Swift announces retention in-  
centive. Now hiring drivers. Training available.  
Our drivers get paid more because they get  
more miles. 1-800-777-9912 (see m.f.). (R)

**DRIVERS WANTED!** Higher Transportation  
needs OTR T/R drivers. Must be at least 21 and  
have CDL with HazMat. Late model equip-  
ment, mileage, drop, pick-up and loader pay.  
Turn pay. Excellent benefits. All 1995 conv. air  
ride cabs. Training program (CDL required).  
Will cross train new drivers for flatbed, call  
Nancy at 1-800-477-7798.

**OVERSEAS OPENINGS** - In Hawaii, Japan,  
Caribbean, with imm. Must be H.S. grad. 17-  
34. Call toll free 1-888-255-6289, M-F 8:30-  
6:00.

**AGENT - NO** - avoid to door. Represent your  
own business in 97 states. 18 independent Rep.  
Call 1-800-727-2866. (R)

**ARROW TRUCKING CO.** - opening new termi-  
nals. Birmingham, AL. Jacksonville, FL. Re-  
gional flatbed operation. Experienced driv-  
ers - owner operators. Call Charles Barham  
(205) 856-1712 or recruiting 1-888-777-6937.  
EOE. (R)

**ATTENTION:** Truck drivers needed now! No  
experience necessary. Earn \$400.00/week plus  
benefits! General, mixed and CDL. 20 days  
Meals and lodging included. 1-800-467-3806.

## **HELP WANTED**

**AVERTIT EXPRESS** - home weekly. Based  
in Birmingham, OTR miles / sed. Dedicate, 1  
m. 10:28 to 5:04. Make. Best benefits in the  
industry. 1-800-868-4753. (R)

**CARDINAL FREIGHT** needs drivers with  
CDL. Drivers with purpose. Drivers take truck  
home, no deductible BC / BS insurance. Call  
1-800-598-0505. EOE/M/F. Call today.

**CHILD CARE** worker - immediate opening.  
The Presbyterian Home for Children is seeking  
females or couples to serve as in-home care-  
takers with teenage girls. Limited space pre-  
cludes couples with dependent children. The  
work is demanding and requires maturity and  
sound judgment. We need staff who are well  
grounded and have high self-esteem. Competi-  
tive salary, ample time off, medical insurance.  
Send letter of application and/or resume to:  
P.O. Box 577, Tallapoosa, AL 35616. For more  
information call Don Walton at (205) 362-  
6601.

**TEAM DRIVERS** - Step into your truck with  
\$3,000 full-time processing insurance, claims  
for healthcare providers. Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**YOUR OWN** business. \$2,500 part time.  
\$3,000 full-time processing insurance, claims  
for healthcare providers. Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**TEAM DRIVERS** - Step into your truck with  
\$3,000 full-time processing insurance, claims  
for healthcare providers. Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

## **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Default having been made in the pay-  
ment of the indebtedness secured by that  
certain mortgage executed by Harold  
Bryan, a single person, in favor of the  
First Federal Bank for Savings, dated Oc-  
tober 11, 1994, and recorded October 25,  
1994, Book 123, Page 112 in the Office of  
the Judge of Probate of Coffee County,  
Alabama, said default continuing, notice  
is hereby given that the undersigned,  
Magna Mortgage Company, as Assignee of  
Magna Federal Bank for Savings, under  
and by virtue of the power of sale con-  
tained in said mortgage, will sell at public  
auction to the highest bidder for cash, at  
the main entrance to the County Court-  
house in Coffee County, Alabama, on  
February 25, 1997, during the legal  
hours of sale, the following described real  
estate: Commencing and being, for cash,  
at the NW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 5  
North, Range 20 East in Coffee County,  
Alabama, and being more particularly de-  
scribed as follows: Beginning at a point  
on the West right of way line of the Elba  
Victoria Highway where the Northwest  
corner of the lot conveyed by B. O. Hus-  
kay, et al. to Lita Hurst (Deed Book 43-  
A, Page 209), and being more particularly  
described as follows: Two lots in the  
Berry Heights Subdivision of the town of  
Elba, said lots being a total of 50 feet  
wide and 120 feet deep, and which are  
known as lots number 56 and 57 in Block  
6, Mulberry Heights Subdivision as re-  
corded in the Probate Office in Elba, Al-  
abama. 2-13-20-chg

**GET PAID** to shop. Make \$147 weekly as  
"Mystery Shopper" for local stores. Check  
friendliness, cleanliness, Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**YOUR OWN** business. \$2,500 part time.  
\$3,000 full-time processing insurance, claims  
for healthcare providers. Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**TEAM DRIVERS** - Step into your truck with  
\$3,000 full-time processing insurance, claims  
for healthcare providers. Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

# **"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"**

## **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the pay-  
ment of the indebtedness secured by that  
certain mortgage executed by Harold  
Bryan, a single person, in favor of the  
First Federal Bank for Savings, dated Oc-  
tober 11, 1994, and recorded October 25,  
1994, Book 123, Page 112 in the Office of  
the Judge of Probate of Coffee County,  
Alabama, said default continuing, notice  
is hereby given that the undersigned,  
Magna Mortgage Company, as Assignee of  
Magna Federal Bank for Savings, under  
and by virtue of the power of sale con-  
tained in said mortgage, will sell at public  
auction to the highest bidder for cash, at  
the main entrance to the County Court-  
house in Coffee County, Alabama, on  
February 25, 1997, during the legal  
hours of sale, the following described real  
estate: Commencing and being, for cash,  
at the NW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 5  
North, Range 20 East in Coffee County,  
Alabama, and being more particularly de-  
scribed as follows: Beginning at a point  
on the West right of way line of the Elba  
Victoria Highway where the Northwest  
corner of the lot conveyed by B. O. Hus-  
kay, et al. to Lita Hurst (Deed Book 43-  
A, Page 209), and being more particularly  
described as follows: Two lots in the  
Berry Heights Subdivision of the town of  
Elba, said lots being a total of 50 feet  
wide and 120 feet deep, and which are  
known as lots number 56 and 57 in Block  
6, Mulberry Heights Subdivision as re-  
corded in the Probate Office in Elba, Al-  
abama. 2-13-20-chg

**GET PAID** to shop. Make \$147 weekly as  
"Mystery Shopper" for local stores. Check  
friendliness, cleanliness, Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**YOUR OWN** business. \$2,500 part time.  
\$3,000 full-time processing insurance, claims  
for healthcare providers. Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**TEAM DRIVERS** - Step into your truck with  
\$3,000 full-time processing insurance, claims  
for healthcare providers. Shop for TVs, clothes,  
more. We pay for it. You keep it. Call (313)  
458-5300, ext. 42. Call refundable.

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-800-633-2001. Liberty  
Medical. Satisfaction guaranteed. No HMO  
members. Mention 261010. (R)

**DIABETICS** (using insulin) Did you know  
Medicare or insurance covers most supplies?  
Save money. Call 1-



OPEN 7 DAYS  
6:00 A.M.  
TO 10:00 P.M.

## PIGGLY WIGGLY OF OPP

408 N. Main Delta Plaza  
(Hwy 331 N.)

"Where Shopping Is A Pleasure"

QUANTITY RIGHTS  
RESERVED  
Feb. 12-Feb. 18, 1997

PRESTONE  
ANTIFREEZE  
\$4.99  
GAL

FRESH  
GROUND  
BEEF

87¢ lb  
FAMILY PAK

PORK  
CHOPS

1.49 lb  
1/4 LOIN

FREE!  
With This Ad  
ICE CREAM  
Gallon Full  
Chocolate  
Or Vanilla

CENTER  
CUT  
PORK  
CHOPS

\$1.99 lb  
FAMILY PAK

CARROL  
SHELBY  
CHILI  
MIX

\$1.49  
4 oz

RONCO  
MACARONI  
& CHEESE  
4/ \$1.00  
7 3/4 oz

FAB  
DETERGENT  
\$2.69  
REG OR BLEACH  
14 LOAD

NESTLE'S  
CANDY  
BARS  
4/\$1.00  
BUTTERFINGER, BABY RUTH,  
RAISNETS, GOOBERS,  
OH HENRY

### MEAT

ZIGLER BOLOGNA	8 oz	77¢
ZIGLER CHICKEN FRANKS	1 lb	77¢
QUARTER LOIN Thin Cut	1 lb	\$1.69
BREAKFAST CHOPS	1 lb	\$2.29
KELLEY SAUSAGE PATTIES	12 oz	\$1.77
HAM HOCKS boneless	1 lb	\$1.29

### GROCERY

NABISCO		
PREMIUM CRACKERS	1 lb. box	\$1.59
KELLOGG'S HONEY CRUNCH		
CORN FLAKES	15.1 oz	\$1.89
CRYSTAL		
HOT SAUCE	6 oz	3/1.00
VEG'ALL		
MIXED VEGETABLES	15 oz	59¢
SUCCESS		
RICE 10 Minute	7 oz	89¢
CRUNCH N. MUNCH	10 oz	\$1.29

### PRODUCE

TOMATOES	1 lb	69¢
LETTUCE	head	59¢
RUSSET POTATOES	10 lb bag	99¢
YELLOW ONIONS	3 lb bag	79¢

### DELI

HEART  
SHAPED  
CAKES  
\$7.99  
2 Layer

VALENTINE  
COOKIES  
\$7.99 - 1.5 lbs.  
VALENTINE  
COOKIES  
\$1.49 doz

PEPSI  
PRODUCTS  
99¢  
2 LITER

BARBER'S ORANGE JUICE 1/2 GAL \$1.29

ARCHIVES/ COLLECTION MAN 1-1-99  
624 WASHINGTON AVE  
MONTGOMERY AL 36130-6100

# The Elba Clipper

VOLUME 100, NUMBER 37

50 CENTS

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1997

1 SECTION, 14 PAGES PLUS 1 ADV INSERT

## Elba's W & E Board hears request

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board heard a request from County Commissioner Linda Westbrook and Robert Stephens that water lines be extended into the Woodland Grove Community.

Westbrook, who represents the area, District 1, presented the board with a petition signed by residents of the area involved.

She noted that engineering drawings of the project were not ready for presentation at this time, but would be available.

The board and the commissioners agreed to proceed with an in-depth study of the proposed project.

Superintendent James Grimes recommended the board reconsider the previous vote to purchase a used S-

10 type pick-up from state surplus. He recommended the purchase of a full size vehicle for use by Water Supervisor Dennis Coleman and transfer of the S-10 presently being driven by Coleman to the utility vehicle previously approved. The board approved, with member Ben Carpenter continuing to oppose the purchase of additional vehicles.

Grimes reported that the offer by Pete Cash to pay half the cost of extending a water line to his property on U. S. 84 (old 166) is being withdrawn because Cash needed water immediately and had to drill a well. The utility was still in the engineering stage of the proposed extension.

However, they voted to upgrade the 3/4" line presently serving several homes on the end of the existing

line. Low water pressure is reportedly common on that small line. The Superintendent asked for and received approval for the utility to replace the lights at Legion Field on the Babe Ruth ball field. The cost of purchasing the lights is \$12,500. They will be installed on existing poles.

A request that the utility purchase a used three axle trailer, at a cost of \$2500, to haul the backhoe passed but was opposed by Carpenter. He questioned aloud why a similar trailer owned by the City couldn't be used for this purpose.

Board members were told that a mower purchased last year to clear right-of-ways was too large for the tractor that was supposed to pull it. They were told that the specifications on the mower read that at least a 60 HP tractor was needed. The board approved looking for a 70 HP used tractor at the state surplus yard to operate this unit.

Meanwhile Chairman Tim Johnson said they would be looking at alternate options, such as contracting out right-of-way clearing.

Electric Supervisor Larry Eddings reported the department completed 87 work orders during the past month.

Water Supervisor Dennis Coleman reported the water department repaired 19 water leaks and installed 3 new taps.

Monthly bills totaling \$25,373.22 were approved for payment.

Johnson received approval for the City to join the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

He also presented the city's new personnel manual to the board for approval. It was accepted without debate.

Johnson noted he liked the ease to read of the new manual and the concise wording.

## City projects nearing completion other are getting underway

By Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The City of Elba has several projects nearing completion and others which will soon be getting underway.

Donnie Morrow, Elba's city clerk, gave council members an update of the status of the projects during the last council meeting.

He advised the council that the necessary documents for the advertising of the bids for the connector road at the Elba City School Complex should be ready by this week (Feb. 17-21).

The bridge over Beaver Dam Creek has been completed and the road is now ready to be prepared for paving. When completed, the road

will provide another outlet from the school complex onto Taylor Mill Road.

The completion of this project should greatly aid in the flow of school traffic and during other activities at the school, such as sporting events.

Improvements to the city's sewer system are nearing completion. The installation of sewer taps on Teresa Street are 100 percent complete, Gibson Street 99 percent complete, Cedar Lane Drive 40 percent complete, and on Reese Avenue 20 percent complete.

Sponsors of the sewer grant have

Please See CITY, Page 10

## New Brockton has own Lion King

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

CHAOS normally means confusion, but in this case it is a two year old Black Mane African Lion, owned by Larry Stokes, of New Brockton. The 600 pound cat normally occupies a cage in Stokes' back yard, but when this photo was snapped, he was enroute to a zoo and the companionship of another lion for a few months. Adjoining cages contain four mountain lions.

Stokes explained that a female companion of Chaos did recently and the 3/4 grown "King of the Beast" is plainly lonesome. He has started roaring, or calling for companionship, until Stokes scolds him from the open window of the house or goes out and sits with him. Stokes said he spends at least two hours per day "bonding" with his pet cat. He explained that while

Chaos is King of the Beast and likes to be treated as such, he also lets Stokes and a friend ride his on back around the pen and will wrestle with them. He enjoys being rubbed or



scratched and purred (or roars) a lion-sized rumble when being petted, rubbed or getting any kind of special attention. When Stokes is playing with

## Enterprise man sentenced to 30 years in prison after guilty plea

By Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Kelvin Gerald Scott, age 19, of Enterprise has been sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges of second-degree kidnapping, first-degree sodomy, and attempted rape in the first degree.

Circuit Judge Robert W. Barr pronounced sentence on Scott last Friday after he entered his guilty plea. He was scheduled to go to trial on the charges on March 24.

Scott was one of three inmates who "enjoyed freedom" for a short time after overpowering a Coffee County Corrections Officer on November 27, 1996.

He has remained in the Coffee County Jail since his arrest on Friday, May 3, 1996. His bail had been set at a total of \$300,000.00.

Scott's arrest followed an investigation by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department of an early morning gunpoint abduction and attempted sexual assault of an Elba woman on May 3.

At 2:35 a.m., Friday morning, May 3, New Brockton police found an abandoned pick-up truck with the driver's side window broken out. The vehicle was found in the ditch on U.S. Hwy. 84 between Enterprise and New Brockton.

Police officers found the vehicle with the engine running. Also, officers discovered a lady's purse and shoes in the truck.

Because of the suspicious nature of the incident, a deputy sheriff was requested to assist the New Brockton police officer.

At 2:59 a.m., the Coffee County Jail received a call from a resident on Co. Rd. 531 in the Bethany Community located just south of New Brockton. The caller stated that a female had come to the residence stating that she had been sexually assaulted.

Upon arrival at the residence, deputies learned that the female vic-

Please See PLEA, Page 10



OOPS...Shortly after 4:00 p.m. Monday afternoon, Elba police received a report that water was running over a long stretch of the roadway on Old Samson Road. A patrol car was sent to investigate and found the roadway was covered by several inches of swift running water for several hundred feet and it had not rained all day. The water continued to rise and police officers blocked each end of the road for safety reasons until the water subsided. It was later determined that the source of the water was from an area to the east of the old Seaboard Railroad bed where a drain had been snipped up by beavers. The water had not been able to drain properly for quite some time, and it had formed a good size pond of water. Earlier in the day, crews from the City of Elba's street department had unstopped the drain allowing the water to begin flowing; however, the force of the water blew out the drain allowing the water to all come at one time causing a flash flood. According to city officials, the street crew was attempting to prevent the water from eventually running around the old railroad track bed and washing the Old Samson Road into where there was no drain. The water rose so fast that it backed up behind the roadway and flooded a home belonging to Gary Lambert. Also, the rising water threatened several mobile homes to the west of Old Samson Road. A nursery and several other homes were in harm's way on the east side of the road too. Elba City Clerk Donnie Morrow stated that the city's liability insurance carrier had been notified and an adjuster would be sent to assess the damage. (MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 10)

## Weather Awareness Week proclaimed

By Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Each spring, Alabama and the southeastern United States experience several episodes - many of them deadly - of severe weather.

Over the years the capability to warn people of impending hazardous weather has continued to improve.

Alabama Governor Fob James has proclaimed February 24 through February 28, 1997, Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency joins the National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency in spreading information to the public about severe weather and how it impacts our state.

Alabama is one of the hardest hit states in the nation by severe weather. The devastating tornado that struck the Goshen Church in Cherokee County on Palm Sunday 1994 and the one that touched down in Jopla and Arab in February 1995 will never be forgotten.

The following are some facts about severe weather in Alabama:

•Alabama ranks fourth in the nation in the number of killer tornadoes and fifth in the number of tornado fatalities. The state recorded the first tornado death of 1997 in a January 24, 1997 tornado in Tuscaloosa.

•In 1996, Alabama ranked second in the nation in the number of tornado deaths at seven. There were 33 deaths in the state during 1996 which caused 87 injuries.

•Lightning strikes caused one death and four injuries in 1996. Since 1950, lightning has killed ten people and injured 158 across the state. In an average year lightning will claim more victims than tornadoes or hurricanes.

•There was one flash flood related death in 1996, although there were 34 flash flood events and one major flash flood event. However, during the past eight years, 25 people have lost their lives because of flooding in Alabama. Many flood related deaths are due to people driving around barricades and into moving water over roadways.

•Severe thunderstorm winds reached damaging force at least 279 times in 1996 and caused millions of dollars in damage. There were no deaths recorded in 1996, but five people were injured by thunderstorm wind.

During Severe Weather Preparedness Week, a different natural hazard will be focussed on each day. Monday is the day to look at tornadoes and their history in Alabama. Tuesday will be used to address thunderstorms and lightning.

A statewide tornado drill is scheduled for Wednesday, in addition to focusing on getting weather informa-

tion. Flooding and flash flooding will be the focus for Thursday, and on Friday, attention will be given to the overall warning system. Also, Friday is the alternate day for the tornado drill in case of bad weather on Wednesday.

The goal of having Alabama Severe Weather Preparedness Week is to help people learn how to prevent injuries and deaths from tornadoes, damaging wind, flash flooding, lightning, and hail.

Over and over, after every disaster, people survive severe weather because they know what to do.

Emergency preparedness should come before an emergency, not during one. By taking a few minutes to learn or review safety precautions, one can save one's own life or the life of a friend or family member.

For more information contact Charles Webb or Terry Wilkins at the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at 894-5415.

BE PREPARED PLAN AHEAD

FUTURE HOME OF TAYLOR MILL OAKS

CONSTRUCTED BY CLARION CONST. INC.

CLARION CONST. INC. 2714 1994

RETIREMENT CENTER...On Thursday (Feb. 6) afternoon, a delayed groundbreaking ceremony was held to officially mark the construction of Taylor Mill Oaks - an assisted living facility. The center is located on Taylor Mill Road just past the Elba Country Club. Kenneth and Katrina Calhoun, owners of the facility, stated that construction is on schedule and they hope to have a grand opening real soon. Those participating in the ceremony are pictured above. They are (l-r): Junior Miss Elba Misty Kelley, Herby McCall, Kenneth Calhoun (owner), Katrina Calhoun (owner and manager), Barry Giles, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Little Miss Elba Haley Stinson, Miss Elba Destiny Brown, and Barbara Hudson.